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GERRY ADAMS ANNOUNCES MOBILIZATION FOR A UNITED IRELAND

At the Mansion House in Dublin, on Jan. 21, 2009, the 90th Anniversary of the Historic First Dáil, Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams announced a Sinn Féin initiative to engage the Irish around the world on how best to go about achieving an end to partition and the establishment of a united Ireland.

Sinn Féin intends to open a dialogue with the broad Irish community to develop a plan of action for ending British government jurisdiction anywhere in Ireland. The initial forums will be held in Ireland, Scotland, England and the United States. Support will also be sought in Canada, Australia, Wales and Europe. In the United States events are scheduled for:

New York, Saturday, June 13, 2009, and
San Francisco, Saturday, June 27, 2009.

Sinn Féin now seeks to engage on the question:

A United Ireland - How do we get there?

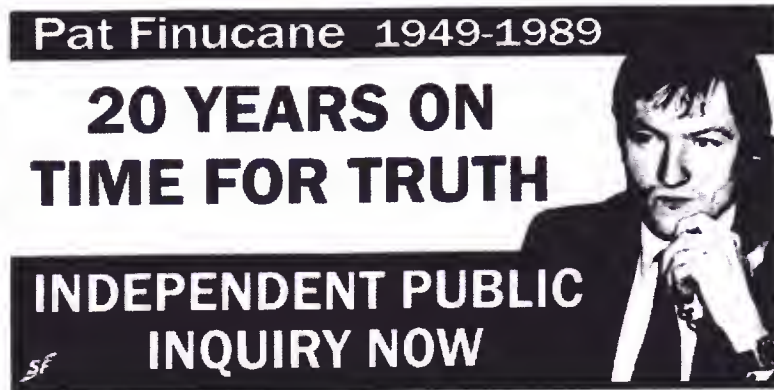
The Good Friday Agreement overtly places the issue of a united Ireland on the table as a legitimate political position, for which all Irish people can openly work. Sinn Féin has not forgotten this provision. Indeed, it was Sinn Féin who ensured its inclusion and it will be Sinn Féin who will seek to strengthen and expand it.

Pursuant to the Agreement, once it appears that a majority in the north would support a united Ireland, there "shall" be a referendum and if a majority vote yes it is a "binding obligation" for the British government to legislate for a "sovereign United Ireland."

Sinn Féin has no doubt a majority will support a united Ireland and urges that the practical planning for a united Ireland begin now. Our intention is to engage with the Irish diaspora and to marshal its political strength in support of a united Ireland.

PAT FINUCANE

February 12th marked the 20th anniversary of the assassination of Belfast Human Rights Lawyer Pat Finucane.



Despite tremendous worldwide support for an independent international inquiry, the British government continues to block it. They fear that the truth of Pat Finucane's murder will lift the lid on the can of worms of collusion. Sinn Féin will continue to support his family in their effort for justice.

EAMES / BRADLEY

There has been an understandable focus on the issue of truth and truth recovery with the publication of the Eames/Bradley report. We are currently engaged in a consultation on the detail of the report. However, sometime ago Sinn Féin made it clear that the establishment of an independent and international commission established by a reputable international body like the UN is necessary to properly address this issue. The appointment by the British Government of a Legacy Commission as proposed by the Eames/Bradley report falls very short of these fundamental criteria.

In 2003, Sinn Féin published a discussion document on Truth. Its purpose was to set out our view of a truth recovery process. The principles we identified are:

- All processes should be victim-centred and deal with victims on an all-Ireland basis and indeed with victims outside Ireland;
- Full co-operation by all relevant parties is essential to the success of any commission;
- There should be no hierarchy of victims;
- All processes should be politically neutral;
- Any future panel should be international and independent;
- One of the purposes of any future panel/commission should be to examine the 'causes, nature and extent' of the conflict;
- An objective of any process should be healing – both for direct victims and for society in general;
- A common aim should be to enable society to build the peace;
- Reconciliation should be the core aim of any truth process; and respect and generosity should inform the parties seeking to reach agreement.

The British Government was the major protagonist in the conflict in Ireland. They therefore cannot control or write the remit of any group tasked with unearthing the truth. History shows that their contribution has been one of cover-up and concealment. Any truth process which has the finger prints of the securocrats in Whitehall anywhere near it simply will not work.

RITA O'HARE

Sinn Féin's Representative to the United States, Rita O'Hare has ended her two year term as General-Secretary of the party and has been elected to the position of National Treasurer. She will, of course, continue also to serve as the Sinn Féin Representative to the United States.

THANK YOU

There is still a lot of hard work ahead of us. But the political conditions in Ireland, north and south, have changed beyond recognition. As Martin McGuinness said at the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis,

"There is a peaceful and democratic path available to a united Ireland. That is what all this is about. But we all know we will not simply wake up in the morning and the British government will have done the right thing. The British government will only leave Ireland, when the Irish people - together - demand that they leave Ireland. Our job is to popularise republicanism, our job is to ensure that the political institutions deliver for all of the people, our job is to engage with unionists to prove that unity is in the interests of all the people and our job is to mobilise the Irish Diaspora across the world behind the demand for Irish unity."

To all of you who have played a role, however large or small, I want to say a very sincere thank you.

I ask you to join with us to achieve the vision we share, a United Ireland, Free, Independent and Sovereign.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.



Gerry Adams
President of Sinn Féin

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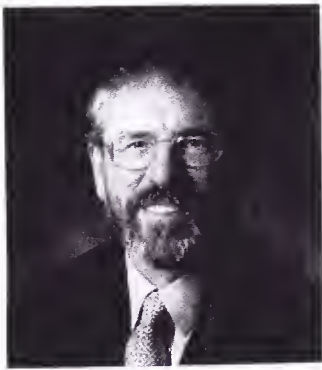
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Our Main Speaker Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams

Gerry Adams was born in 1948 in West Belfast where he continues to reside with his family. He became involved in the civil rights campaign in the late 1960s and was interned without trial in 1972. When he was released in July 1972 he took part in secret talks in London between Irish republicans and the then British Secretary of State, William Whitelaw, which gave rise to a brief ceasefire between the British Army and the Irish Republican Army.

After arrest with other leading republicans in Belfast in 1973 he tried to escape from Long Kesh Prison Camp. For this he was imprisoned and eventually released in 1976. He played a leading role in the campaign for political status for political prisoners in the 1981 Hunger Strike. He was central to the formation of Sinn Féin's electoral strategy. In 1982 he topped the poll in West Belfast in the Assembly elections.

In December of the same year he was banned by British Home Secretary William Whitelaw, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, from entering Britain to speak to Labour MPs and councillors at the invitation of the leader of the Greater London Council, Ken Livingstone MP. The ban was lifted in June 1983 when he was elected MP for West Belfast with a majority of more than 5,000. He was re-elected in 1988 but lost the seat to the SDLP in 1991.

In the Forum elections in the Six Counties in 1996, Sinn Féin topped the poll in West Belfast when Gerry Adams was elected to head the Sinn Féin negotiations team.

In 1997 and again in 2001 he was re-elected as MP for West Belfast and in 1998 he was elected to the Assembly.

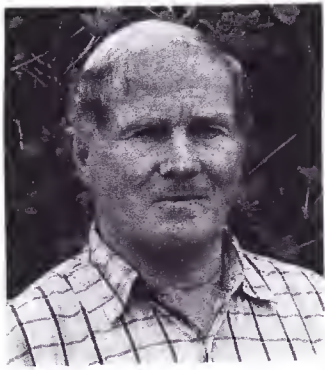
Gerry Adams has been President of Sinn Féin since 1983. In 1987 he was instrumental in launching the party's current peace strategy with the publication of the discussion document Scenario for Peace. This was followed in 1992 with the document Towards a Lasting Peace in Ireland.

In 1993 it emerged that Gerry Adams had been holding a series of meetings with the leader of the SDLP, John Hume. From these meetings both leaders agreed a joint position which was to become the Irish Peace Initiative. Throughout the peace process he has worked side by side with Martin McGuinness and the Sinn Féin leadership to advance the process and in our reach out to unionism. He is centrally involved in the ongoing development of the party as a radical alternative in Irish society.

He has travelled internationally to advance the peace process particularly in the United States, Britain and South Africa. He has also campaigned on issues of human rights and justice, including the demand for the cancellation of world debt.

A member of PEN, the international guild of writers, Gerry Adams has published several books including: A Pathway to Peace, The Politics of Irish Freedom and Selected Writings, his autobiography "Before the Dawn" and An Irish Voice.

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Our Honoree San Francisco, Irish Republican Mike Carty

Mike Carty is a native of Clooncagh, Tourlestrane, County Sligo. One of ten children in a family of small farmers, Mike attended Caslterock National School and vocational school in Tubbercurry. He came to America in 1976, originally to Detroit. While in Detroit, he played for the Padraig Pearses Gaelic Football Team, and helped form the James Connollys hurling team. Michael headed out to San Francisco in 1978. He has worked in the construction and building industry ever since his arrival in San Francisco.

Active in the GAA all his life, and with a profound interest in the Irish language and culture, from the moment he arrived Michael immersed himself in San Francisco's Irish community. He played football and hurling for the San Francisco Gaels until 1989. Michael has been a staunch and generous supporter of Irish Northern Aid, marching to support the Republican cause in every St. Patrick's Day Parade.

He has supported every facet of the struggle for Irish independence and is still active today in supporting Friends of Sinn Féin as they continue the effort to achieve the ultimate goal of a United Ireland. Michael is a well liked and respected member of the Irish community in the San Francisco Bay Area because of his vast knowledge and interest in our native language and his unwavering support of the GAA and all things Irish.

We, in San Francisco Friends of Sinn Féin, are grateful to have this opportunity to honor Mike for his dedication and support over the years.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Sinn Féin is working within the framework established in the Good Friday Agreement. The unionists and loyalists position has remained constant to stall and frustrate the process and prevent it from moving forward in a sincere and cooperative manner in regards to the implementation of the agreements and ultimately equal rights for Nationalists. In essence, the Unionists are only selecting parts of the agreements to follow.
- The Unionists are split. The DUP influence is crumbling. The Unionists/DUP is now at a juncture and lacks leadership to move forward, unfortunately Peter Robinson is reverting to what unionism does best - obstruction and obfuscation in a desperate attempt to hold on to their privileged domination of power in the North.
- The DUP has nearly succeeded in bringing the process to a halt, by refusing to honor commitments on the transfer of policing and justice, plunging the institutions in the North into a near crisis.
- Peter Robinson has refused to transfer power over policing and the judiciary from Great Britain to the N. Ireland Executive, despite an agreement, among all major political parties in the North and the governments of Ireland and Britain (and supported by the United States government) that such powers be transferred by May, 2008. This has caused the work of the Executive to come to a halt and threatens to shut down the institutions altogether.
- To break this stalemate and move the process forward requires an all out effort on the part of Sinn Féin and to encourage support of all parties and both governments to put pressure on the unionists in particular Peter Robinson of the DUP to stop blocking the process.
- It is absolutely crucial that Sinn Féin has the resources to continue the work necessary to strengthen their position and build upon the agenda of the Republican movement for the road ahead by building support throughout Ireland to increase its mandate as it applies to all elections in Ireland - in the North, the South and the European Parliament.
- As Irish in America, the number one thing we can do to support the ultimate goal, of a United Ireland, is to provide Sinn Féin with the financial support to complete the tasks needed to move the process forward.

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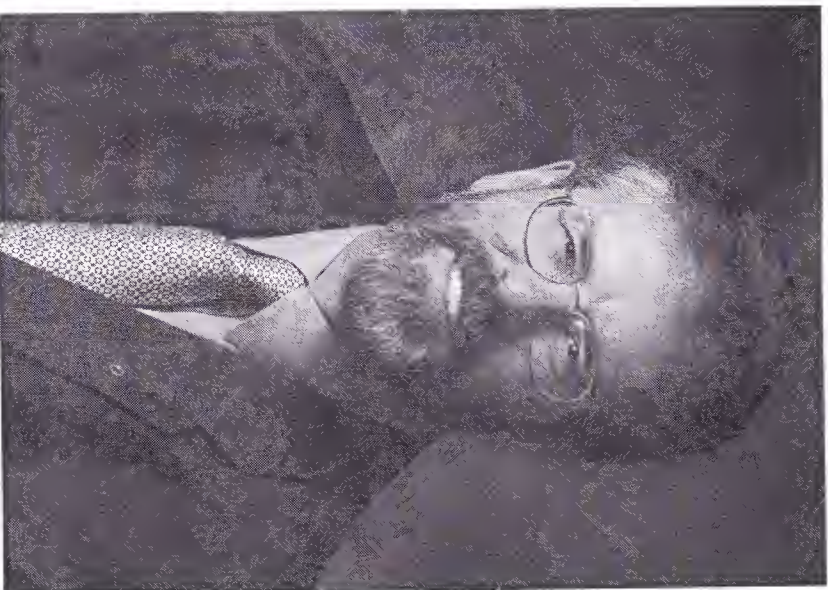
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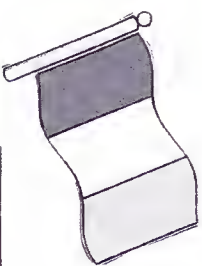
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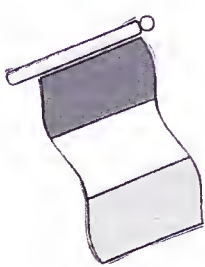
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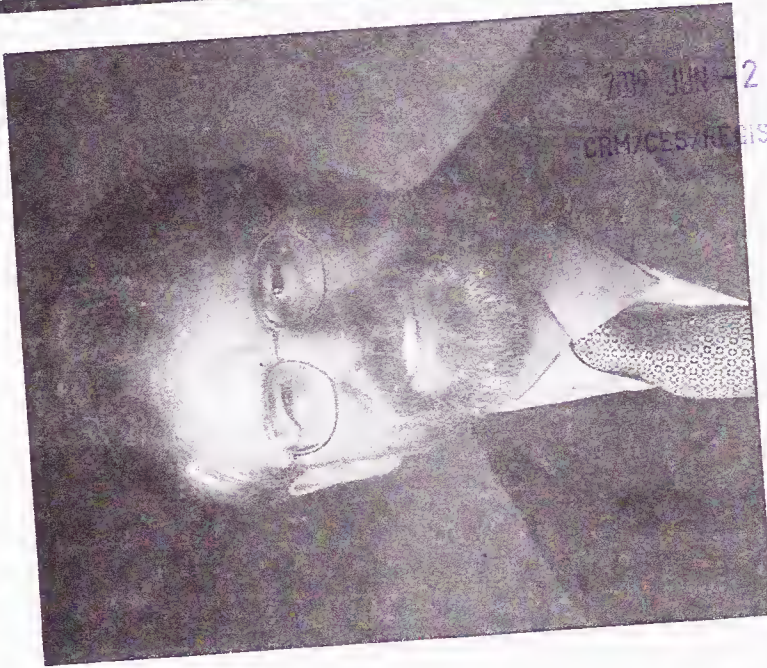
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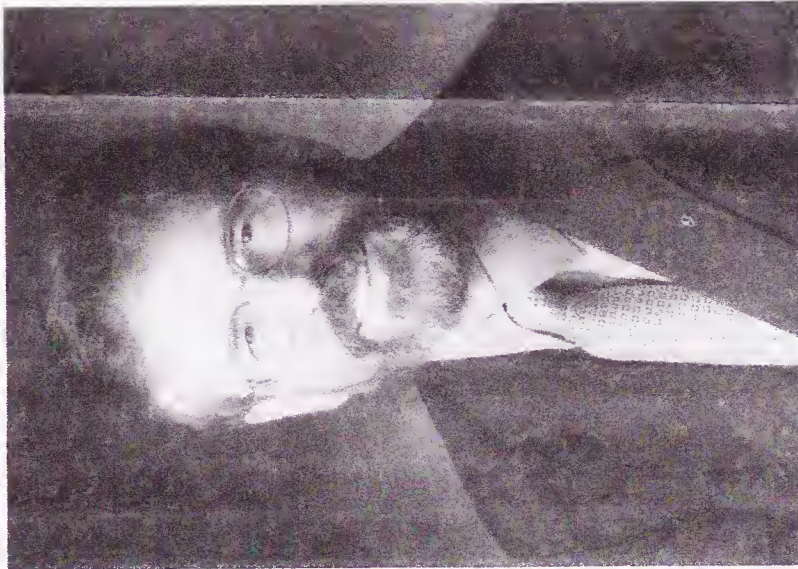
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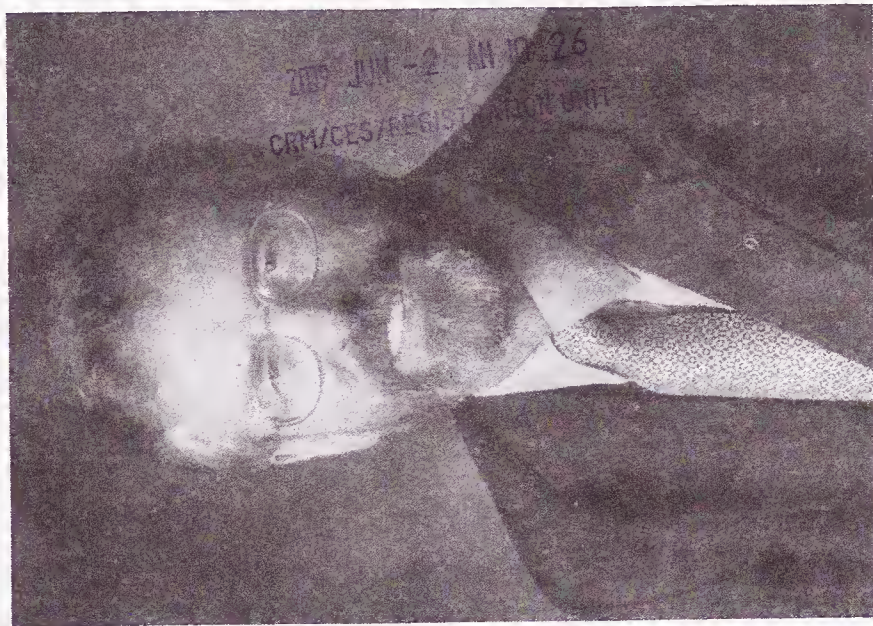
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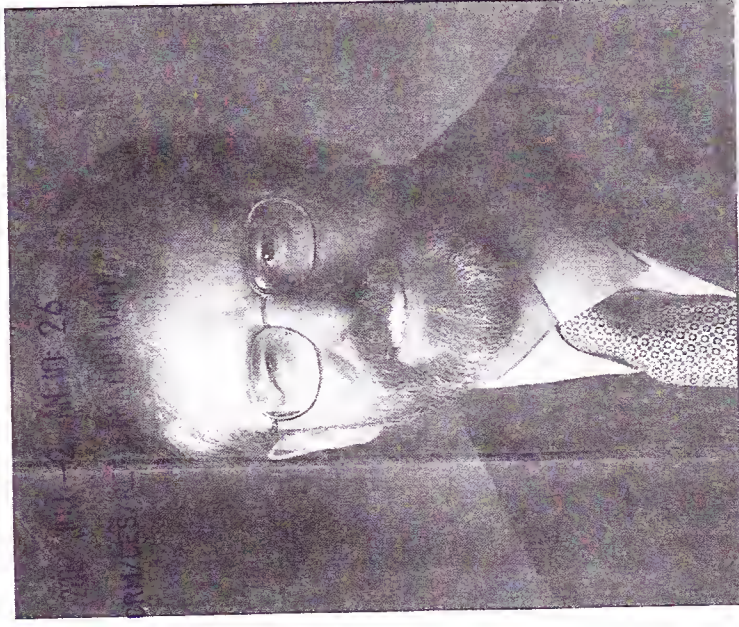
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SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS TO SEEK ADVICE FROM IRISH AMERICA

(Washington, DC – March 16, 2009) Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams spoke in Washington, DC today regarding his plans to host two conferences in the US in June designed to engage Irish Americans in the pursuit of an independent, united Ireland under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement.

Addressing the National Press Club, Mr. Adams stated that Sinn Fein is currently engaged in an outreach to the Irish diaspora throughout the world regarding the best way to achieve a united Ireland and will bring this effort to New York and San Francisco in June. He said that after consultation with the worldwide diaspora, Sinn Fein expects to publish a plan of action.

Mr. Adams spoke in the aftermath of the violence in Northern Ireland last week, which he denounced as an attack on the peace process and the Good Friday Agreement. But he made clear it will not deter Sinn Fein from its course - the pursuit of a united Ireland by peaceful, democratic means consistent with the Good Friday Agreement.

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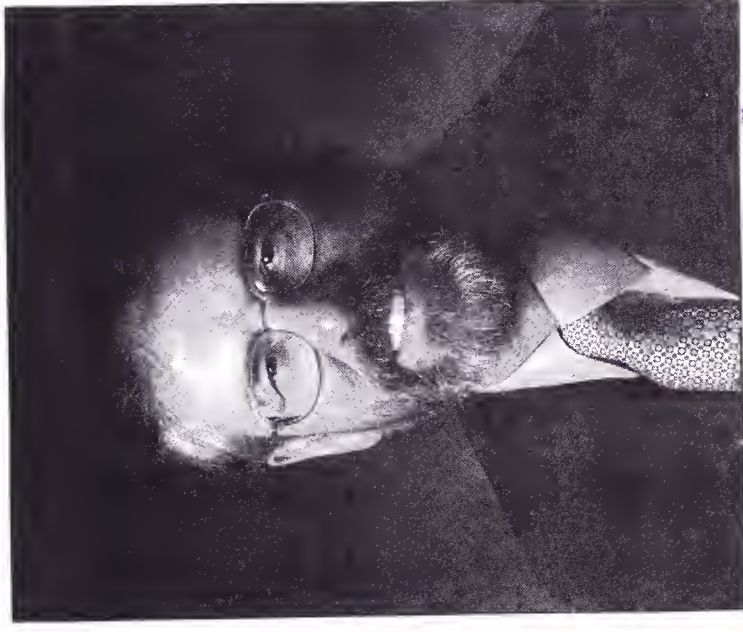
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Echo Opinion

Irish America is vital for unity push

It is more than 10 years since I first arrived in the United States. My visits since, and tenure as the Sinn Féin Representative to the United States have been a varied and incredible experience. Most of all, they have awakened me to the extremely loyal and powerful voice of Irish America.



Op-Ed

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I am a native of Belfast who remembers what life was like before the conflict and during it. I have been part of the Sinn Féin leadership for much of those years, including the past 15 years which have brought us to the

promising times of today.

I deeply admire the Irish America that cares so much about Ireland. Without Irish America it is questionable where Ireland - any part of it - would be today.

It is with this frame of mind that I call on Irish America to join with us to forge the path to unity and freedom.

Sinn Féin is an Irish Republican Party. Our aim is a united, independent Ireland. We are not alone. Fianna Fáil, the "Republican Party," has the same aim.

Fine Gael asserts itself as the "United Ireland Party" and the SDLP also supports a united Ireland. Indeed, former taoiseach Bertie Ahern recently

declared that unification is "an imperative not an empty aspiration."

The reality of this broad position is embodied in the Good Friday Agreement itself. Throughout the peace process, the legitimacy of the aim of unity was paramount and its inclusion in the agreement crucial. For the first time, in an international agreement between the Irish and British governments, there was an acknowledgement by the British government that the Irish people - and the Irish people alone - have the right to determine the future of Ireland.

The agreement makes clear that an end to partition, i.e. a "sovereign united Ireland", is as desirable and politically legitimate as the status quo, and spells out how it will come about, i.e., by majority vote in referenda north and south.

There are those, mainly within unionism but also in the media and

All of us who believe that Ireland's best future is unity have not just the right but the duty to assert this view and to plan for it. To argue otherwise is to try to undermine the Good Friday Agreement itself.

among an element of the establishment in the South, who either try to ignore this essential part of the agreement, or denigrate and dismiss it. Those who do use different tactics and arguments but generally assert that to raise the question will alienate unionists.

However, since the agreement and the peace process itself are about ending the discrimination and exclusion of republicans and nationalists and their values and hopes, which are valid and honorable, these arguments are both offensive and spurious.

For too long, any political opinion in the North that opposed the union was treated as criminal and treasonous. That, like so much that dominated life in the North, has changed forever.

All of us who believe that Ireland's best future is unity have not just the right but the duty to assert this view and to plan for it. To argue otherwise is to try to undermine the Good Friday Agreement itself.

In addition, recent commentary, sparked I believe by Sinn Féin's announcement of a Task Force on Irish Unity, has sneered that unity is not achievable in any event, or that people

have "accepted an internal solution." While these views can be aired, they are wrong and often insincere.

In this spirit, Gerry Adams recently called for a national conversation, to include the Irish diaspora, on how the goal of a united Ireland can be achieved.

As part of this discussion, Sinn Féin will host two major conferences in the United States: New York on Saturday, June 13, and San Francisco on Saturday, June 27.

Gerry Adams will host the conferences, introduce keynote speakers and open it to the floor for contributions. I am confident that Irish America will take this opportunity to speak and provide ideas, initiatives and plans to carry this conversation into action.

Of course, achieving Irish unity is a major challenge. It particularly means that Irish republicans have to reach out to unionists. Our vision of a united Ireland is an Ireland where prosperity and equality are delivered in equal measure, an Ireland in which orange and green can build a common future in co-operation and harmony, an Ireland at peace with itself and its neighbors.

We intend to mobilize and organize with all those who see Ireland's best interests served by unification, whether they support Sinn Féin or not. We will challenge those who pay only lip service to the goal of unity. We want the Irish government and those political parties who aspire to unity to begin to plan for it in an inclusive way.

And we want Britain to do the logical thing - and the best thing for both countries - that is assist in ending the partition of Ireland.

Lastly, we need Irish America to join in bringing it about.



The Forum

Letters from our readers

Tired of hearing it

Editor:

I am so tired of reading news articles that say the "dissidents" that are responsible for the recent attacks on members of the British military and police in the north of Ireland are "opposed to peace", or "opposed to the peace process." Fox News was the most ignorant when they reported the perpetrators were "opposed to peace between Catholics and Protestants." While I expect that from the British press, there are many news outlets, including the Irish Echo, that should know better. Most of those being quoted in the articles know better as well.

What is opposed is the continued English rule of Ireland. The list of those who have fought against British oppression and tyranny in the U.S. and Ireland is endless: Wolfe Tone, Emmett, Connolly, Collins, Sands, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Henry, and Hancock to name just a few.

Condemn violence. Debate whether Ireland can be united and free through strictly political means. But at least tell the truth about the motivation behind the action.

Bart Barry
Akron, OH

Lose the wigs

Editor:

It was great that the World Irish Dance Championships were held in Philadelphia this year and I want to congratulate all those who competed. However, for years I have abhorred the awful wigs the competitors wear and the recent spread of photos in the Irish papers was beyond belief (not your fault!).

A non-Irish friend visiting me picked up a page of pictures and asked why the girls were wearing mops on their heads! If they must wear wigs why can't they be more natural-looking? Or what's

wrong with a braid? or hair tied back with a nice ribbon? Some weeks ago there were photos of children at dance schools without wigs and wearing dressing with simple Celtic designs; my praise to those schools.

And let's not forget the makeup on 8-year olds! What are their parents thinking of? They look like that unfortunate little beauty queen who was murdered some years ago. Can't An Coimisiún do something about all this?

Catherine Hart
Scarsdale, NY

No way, no how

Editor:

The claim (in an op-ed by Maureen Mulvihill) that Maurice O'Connell, the brother of the Liberator was engaged in the African slave trade at the time Daniel O'Connell joined the Anti-Slavery League is preposterous.

Sometime around 1780, "Muris an Chaipín" or Maurice "Hunting Cap" O'Connell, adopted Daniel (b1775) and his younger brother Maurice. Daniel was designated by Hunting Cap as the heir to his fortune and Derrynane House.

By 1793, young Maurice was commis-

sioned into one of the Irish regiments for service in the West Indies, where shortly thereafter he died of Yellow Fever.

I would suggest that if you want to talk about slavery in the future you may want to acquaint your readers the story of the thousands of Irish sold into slavery in Barbados and Virginia by Cromwell.

In the seventeenth century, far more Irish were sold as slaves than Africans. It is the untold story of the great Irish Diaspora.

Richard J. Gleason
Croton Falls, NY

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Itinerary November 2008

Rita O'Hare

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November 6th

Depart Dublin Flight CO23	09.00	
Arrive Newark		11.45
Meeting with FOSF President Larry Downes		
FOSF Office 116 John St, NY		14.00

November 7th

Meeting with Jake Herring		
(Speaker Quinn's Office)	10.00	
Meeting with Pat Doherty		
(Comptroller Thompson's Office)	12.00	
Working With FOSF President Larry Downes		14-17.00

November 8th

Working With FOSF President Larry Downes

November 9th

November 10th

Meeting with Niall O'Dowd	10.00	
Meeting with Niall Burgess (Irish Consul General)		15.00
Meeting with Reps Irish American Organisations		
O'Reilly's 31 st St NY	18.30	

November 11th

Meeting Gerry Adams at Newark	13.45	
Attend FOSF Event Rory Dolan's, McLean Ave, Yonkers		19.00

November 12th

FOSF Dinner at Sheraton, 7th Ave, NY

November 13th

Depart Newark CO1702		11.15
Arrive San Francisco	14.37	
FOSF Meeting - Sir Francis Drake Hotel		
450 Powell St San Francisco		19.00

November 14th

Breakfast Meeting - Sir Francis Drake Hotel	08.00	
Depart San Francisco American Airlines FI44		11.15

Itinerary

Desmond Mackin

November 2008

Nov 11	Depart Belfast Flight CO 95	11:10am
	Arrive Newark	1:45pm
	Meeting with Rita O'Hare	
	Attended FOSF Event Rory Dolan's, Yonkers, NY	7:00pm
	Stayed at Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
Nov 12	FOSF Dinner at Sheraton, 7 th Ave. NY	
	Stayed at Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
Nov 13	Amtrack train to Albany	
	Courtesy visit with Jean Bryce at her home	
	Meeting with Irish Community Reps.	
	Meeting at Draymonds Restaurant, 269 Osborne Rd #4, Loudonville, NY	
	Stayed at Holiday Inn, 205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY	
Nov 14	Depart Albany Flight UA 5400	12:16pm
	Arrive Chicago	1:39pm
	Meeting with FOSF supporters	
	Stayed at Chicago O'Hare Airport Hilton	
Nov 15	Depart Chicago Flight AA 444	10:15am
	Arrive Boston	3:15pm
	Meeting with FOSF supporters Boston	
	Stayed at Boston Airport Hilton	
	Depart Boston Delta Flight 1397	6:30pm
	Arrive NY	7:51pm
	Stayed at Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
Nov 16	Depart Newark CO Flight 22	7:10pm
	Arrive Dublin Nov 17	6:50am

Itinerary

Gerry Adams/Richard McCauley

November 2008

Nov 11	Depart Belfast Flight CO 95	11:10am
	Arrive Newark	1:45pm
	Meeting with Rita O'Hare	
	Attended FOSF Event Rory Dolan's, Yonkers, NY	7:00pm
	Stayed at Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
Nov 12	FOSF Dinner at Sheraton, 7 th Ave. NY	
	Stayed at Sheraton	
Nov 13	Depart Newark Flight CO 1702	11:15am
	Arrive San Francisco	2:37pm
	FOSF Reception-Sir Francis Drake Hotel	
	450 Powell St., SF	7:00pm
Nov 14	Breakfast Meeting-Sir Francis Drake Hotel	8:00am
	Depart San Francisco Flight EI 146	2:40pm
	Arrive Dublin Sat. Nov. 15 th	8:40am

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*Draft 2 Itinerary Patrick Doherty
November 2008*

Friday 21st November

Depart Dublin Flight: EI 109 4.00pm

Staying at home of Michael Doherty, Apt 39 C
The Ritz Plaza, 48th Street, NY 10036

Saturday 22nd November

Depart NY by Amtrak train to Trenton

Guest Speaker at Ancient Order of Hibernians Conference at Kings Caterers in Levittown PA

Whilst in Trenton staying at:

Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne PA 19047.

Sunday 23rd November

Meeting with President of AOH Seamus Boyle at Hotel

Monday 24th November

Depart Trenton, NJ by Amtrak train to New York

Tuesday 25th November

Meeting with Niall O'Dowd 10.30am
Irish Voice

Meeting with NY State Comptroller Mr. DiNapoli 1.00pm
Office of State Comptroller
633 3rd Ave
New York

Wednesday 26th November

Lunch with Patrick W. Doherty 12.00pm
Commissioner, NYC Comptroller's Office,
Brady's Restaurant, Maiden Lane
Also in attendance Joe Jamison AFLCIO new York

Friday 28th November

Depart JFK New York EI104 5.40pm

Itinerary

Aodhan Macantsaoir

December 2008

Dec 1	Depart Belfast CO Flight 95	11:10am
	Arrive Newark	1:45pm
	Amtrack Train 2158 to DC	4:28pm
	Stayed at Westin Hotel, M Street & 15 th St. Washington, DC	
Dec2	Meeting with Cathy Blank, Assistant to Ambassador Dobriansky, Union Station, DC 8:00am	
	Amtrack train 2158 to NY	9:00am
	Meeting with Mayor Bloomburgh's Staff	1:00pm-5:00pm
	Re: small business development	
	Meeting with Tom Moran, Mutual of America	5:30pm
	American Ireland Reception	6:00pm
	Stayed at Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
Dec 3	Meeting with Pat Doherty, City Comptrollers' Office	12:30pm
	Meeting with Mary Louise Mallick, NYS Comptrollers' Office	2:00pm
	Depart Newark CO Flight 126	9:45pm
Dec 4	Arrive Dublin	9:25am

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Gerry Adams/Richard McCauley

January 2009

Jan 18	Depart Belfast CO Flight 95	11:10am
	Arrive Newark	1:45pm
	Stayed at Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
Jan 19	Amtrack Train to DC 163	4:27pm
	Arrive DC	7:25pm
Jan 20	Attended inauguration of President Obama	
	Depart DC UA Flight 924 to London	10:04pm
Jan 21	Depart London to Dublin	10:15am
	Arrive Dublin	1:50pm

Itinerary

Rita O'Hare

February 2009

Feb 24	Depart Dublin EI Flight 105 10:30am	
	Arrive New York 1:10pm	
	Meeting with Reps of IA Organizations	6:30pm
	O'Reilly's 31 st & 6 th	
Feb 25	Depart NY for DC by train 2109	8:00am
	Meeting with Rep. Brian Higgins	11:00am
	Meeting with Mark Powell, Pamela Shapland at State Dept.	1:00pm
	Meetings on Capitol Hill	2:00-4:00pm
Feb 26	Meeting with Rep. Joseph Crowley	9:30am
	Meeting with staff at Senator Dodd's office	11:am
	Meeting with Sharon Waxman at Senator Kennedys' office	
	Depart DC by train to NY 2170	3:00pm
	Meeting with Reps. of Irish American Organizations	
	O'Reilly's 31 st & 6 th	6:30pm
Feb27	Speaker on panel discussion on Irish Peace Process	
	Molloy College NY	9:00am
	Working with FOSF President Larry Downes	
Feb 28	Depart NY JFK EI Flight 108	8:50pm
Mar 1	Arrive Dublin	8:30am

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While in Washington staying at Westin Hotel, M Street & 15th St., Washington, DC

Itinerary

Rita O'Hare

March 2009

March 11	Depart Dublin EI Flight 105	10:30am
	Arrive NY	2:10pm
	Meeting with Reps. of IA Organizations O'Reilly's, 31 st & 6 th Ave	
March 12	Depart NY Delta Flight 617	8:30am
	Arrive San Francisco	12:19pm
	Meeting with FOSF supporters Irelands' 32, 3920 Geary Blvd, S. San Fran, CA Stayed at Comfort Inn & Suites, 121 Grand Ave, San Fran, CA	
March 13	Depart San Francisco Delta Flight 150	9:10am
	Arrive NY	5:56pm
March 14	Meeting with Gerry Adams at JFK Airport	
March 15	Brunch at Seven Restaurant, 350 7 th Ave, NY	12:00pm
	FOSF supporters	
	Depart NY by train for DC 2253	3:00pm
	Dinner with Labor Leaders, Bobby Vans, 15 th St Stayed at Westin Hotel, M Street & 15 th St., Washington, DC	
March 16	Press Conference, National Press Club	10:00am
	FOSF lunch Bobby Vans, 1201 NY Ave	12:00-3:00pm
	Meeting with Senator Mitchell	
	State Dept.	4:00pm
	Meeting with Senator Dodd	5:00pm
March 17	Meet with Secty. Hillary Clinton	10:00am
	Meet with Friends of Ireland Committee	11:30am
March 18	Depart DC for Boston US Airways Flight 2030	11:30am
	Arrive Boston	12:49pm
	Gerry Adams at Harvard	

Students class of Art & Politics	3:00pm
JFK School lecture	5:00pm
Dinner with President of Harvard	7:00pm
Stayed at Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St. Cambridge, MA	

March 19	Meeting with Boston supporters	10:00am
	Meeting with President Ryan Ladies AOH	12:30pm
	Stayed at Harborside Inn, 185 State St., Boston	

March 20	Depart Boston by train to NY	11:00am
March 23	Working at FOSF office	

March 24	Depart NY for DC	7:00am
	Meeting with Rep. Tim Murphy	10:00am
	Lunch with Zia Sayed Ireland Desk	
	Mark Powell	
	Bobby Vans, 1201 NY Ave	12:00pm
	Meetings on Capitol Hill	2:00-4:00pm
	Depart DC by train to NY	5:00pm

March 25	Meeting with Bill Flynn	3:00pm
	Meeting with Niall Burgess	4:00pm

March 26	Depart NY to Dublin Flight EI 108	9:50pm
	Arrive Dublin March 27th	8:30am

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Gerry Adams/ Richard McCauley

March 2009

March 14	Depart Dublin EI Flight 109	4:00pm
	Arrive NY JFK	7:40pm
	Met with Rita O'Hare at airport	
	Stayed at the Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NY	
March 15	Brunch at Seven Restaurant, 350 7 th Ave, NY	12:00pm
	FOSF supporters	
	Depart Amtrack train 2253 NY to DC	3:00pm
	Dinner with Labor Leaders, Bobby Vans, 15 th St	
	Stayed at Westin Hotel, M Street & 15 th St., Washington, DC	
March 16	Press Conference, National Press Club	10:00am
	FOSF lunch at Bobby Vans, 1201 NY Ave	12:00-3:00pm
	Meeting with Senator Mitchell State Dept.	4:00pm
	Meeting with Senator Dodd	5:00pm
March 17	Met with Secty. Hillary Clinton	10:00am
	Meet with Friends of Ireland Committee	11:30am
	Speakers lunch	12:00pm
	White House Reception	6:30pm
March 18	Depart DC US Airways Flight 2030	11:30am
	Arrive Boston	12:49pm
	Harvard Students class of Art & Politics	3:00pm
	JFK School Lecture	5:00pm
	Dinner with President of Harvard	7:00pm
	Stayed at Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, MA	
March 19	Depart Boston EI Flight 132	8:20pm
March 20	Arrive Dublin	7:45am

Itinerary

Aodhan Macantsaoir

March 2009

March 16	Depart Dublin EI Flight 105	10:30am
	Arrive NY JFK	2:10pm
	Rosemary Nelson Reception	7:00pm
	O'Lunney's, 145W. 45 th St., NYC	
	Stayed at the Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NYC	
March 17	Marched in St. Patricks' Day Parade	
	Post Parade Reception at Home of Irish Consul General	
	Stayed at the Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NYC	
March 18	Amtrack train 2158 to Boston	12:03pm
	Arrive Boston	3:39pm
	JFK School Lecture	5:00pm
	Dinner with President of Harvard	7:00pm
	Stayed at Harborside Inn, 185 State St., Boston	
March 19	Meet with Tim Cahill, State Comptroller	
	Meet with Sen. Steve Tolman and Sen. Theresa Murray	
	Stayed at Harborside Inn, 185 State St., Boston	
March 20	Depart Boston EI Flight 136	7:20pm
March 21	Arrive Dublin	5:15am

Itinerary

Martina Anderson

March 2009

March 16	Depart Dublin EI Flight 105	10:30am
	Arrive NY JFK	2:10pm
	Spoke at Transit Workers Hall	5:00pm
	80 West End Ave, NYC	
	Rosemary Nelson Reception	7:00pm
	O'Lunney's, 145W. 45 th St., NYC	
	Stayed at the Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NYC	
March 17	Marched in St. Patricks' Day Parade	
	Post Parade Reception at Home of Irish Consul General	
	Stayed at the Affinia Hotel, 371 7 th Ave, NYC	
March 18	Amtrack train 2158 to Boston	12:03pm
	Arrive Boston	3:39pm
	JFK School Lecture	5:00pm
	Dinner with President of Harvard	7:00pm
	Stayed at Harborside Inn, 185 State St., Boston	
March 19	Meet with Tim Cahill, State Comptroller	
	Meet with Sen. Steve Tolman and Sen. Theresa Murray	
	Stayed at Harborside Inn, 185 State St., Boston	
March 20	Depart Boston EI Flight 136	7:20pm
March 21	Arrive Dublin	5:15am

Itinerary	Rita O'Hare	April 2009
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April 27	Depart Dublin for NY Flight EI 105	
	Arrive to NY JFK	1:20pm
April 28	Working at FOSF office NY	
	Meeting with Reps. of IA Org	
	O'Reilly's, 31 st & 6 th	6:30pm
April 29	Depart NY by train for DC 2109	8:00am
	Meeting with Rep. Maffie-Syracuse	1:00pm
	Meeting with Rep. Elliot Engel	2:00pm
	Meeting with Ireland Desk& State Dept.	3:00pm
	Stayed at Westin Hotel, M Street & 15 th St., DC	
April 30	Breakfast with Paul Geaney	
	Claret Capital Investment Company	
	Hilton Hotel, DC	8:00am
	Meeting with Rep. Neal	
	Meeting with Rep. Carolyn McCarthy	
	Depart DC for Philadelphia by train	2:00pm
	Meeting with Paul Doris, Pres. INA	4:00pm
	Meeting with Seamus Boyle, Pres. AOH	6:00pm
	Meeting with FOSF supporters	
	Slainte Pub/Restaurant, Phili	
	Depart Philadelphia by train to NY	7:32pm
May 1	Lunch with Bill Flynn	
	Kennedys', W57th St. & 7 th	12:00pm
	Depart NY JFK to Dublin Flight EI 108	9:40pm
May2	Arrive Dublin	9:15am

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